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Ice Harbor navigation lock outage postponed

BURBANK, Wash. – Ice Harbor Lock and Dam officials postponed a lock closure previously scheduled for today, July 11. The lock is open to all commercial vessels, and scheduled recreational vessel lockages will occur, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials announced.

The now-cancelled 12-hour outage had been planned to allow workers to perform a technical inspection of cracks at joints in the trunnion arms of the upstream navigation lock gate. The inspection was postponed because upstream pool surface elevations were too low to accommodate use of the floating bulkhead used as a waterstop when working inside the lock.

The inspection will be rescheduled for a later date, said Walla Walla District navigation officials.

Ice Harbor Dam's navigation lock on the lower Snake River is part of the federal inland channel system that provides navigation from the mouth of the Columbia River near Astoria, Ore., to port facilities on the rivers in Lewiston-Clarkston. Transporters shipped 17.5 million tons of products through the lower Snake River locks in 2005.

Public Notices and other navigation lock information are available on the Walla Walla District Web site at <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html>.

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